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Dear Parents and Carers,

Recent Ofsted Section 8 Inspection February 2019

I am delighted to report that we have received the best possible outcome from our recent Section 8 Ofsted inspection. The new Ofsted Section 8 inspection is a short inspection of schools currently judged as 'Good' and determines whether the school continues to provide a good standard of education and that safeguarding is effective.

A short inspection does not result in individual graded judgements or a change to the current grade; instead there are four possible outcomes:

- Outcome 1 – the school continues to be a good school or
- **Outcome 2 – the school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school may be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection now.** The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within one to two years after the publication of the section 8 short inspection report or
- Outcome 3 – the lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection within the statutory timeframe.
- Outcome 4 – the lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests the school may be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements under section 5 inspections; there are serious concerns about safeguarding, pupils' behaviour or the quality of education; The short inspection will be converted to a section 5 inspection, usually within 48 hours. 48. Inspectors will always report on whether or not safeguarding is effective. If safeguarding is not effective, the lead inspector will always convert the short inspection to a section 5 inspection.

The judgement was that St Michael's has sufficient evidence of improved performance that it may be judged outstanding under a further Section 5 Inspection. The inspection letter bears testament both to this and to the improvements made since our last inspection in March 2015. The Ofsted letter is now available for you to read on our website; please click on the link: <https://stmichaelsn6.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/10081985-St-Michaels-Inspection-Letter-For-Publication-March-2019.pdf>

Thank you to the pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers for your valuable contribution to achieving this.

I very much look forward to our continued work together and to our achievement and success going forward.

Best wishes,

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Headteacher